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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Please amend the text at page 1, lines 2-3 so it reads:

--This application is a division of Serial No. 09/931,974 filed August 17, 2001, now pending, which is a non-provisional application which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/226,602[[,]] filed August 18, 2000.—

Please rewrite the paragraphs at page 1, lines 5-13 so they read as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a medical or surgical bandage suitable for use in providing musculo-skeletal[[,]] support and treatment of skin conditions.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

~~the~~ The invention relates to positioning a gel against the skin utilizing a stretchable bandage that also provides the added benefit of orthopedic, or musculo-skeletal, support for the joint or portion of the body on which the bandage is wrapped.--

Please delete the heading at page 2, line 2 which reads as follows:

~~--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--~~

Please rewrite the sentences at page 5, lines 18-21 so they read as follows:

--FIG. 2 is an embodiment illustrating gel layer 5 bonded to ~~carrier 10~~ carrier 10, having a loop surface 15, bonded to gel layer 5.

FIG. 3 illustrates ~~carrier 10~~ carrier 10, having loop surface 15, bonded to gel layer 5.

Please rewrite the sentence at page 9, lines 9-11 so it reads as follows:

--In a particularly preferred embodiment, the opposed surface of the "fuzzy" side or "loop" side 15 of the carrier 10 is used as the carrier for the gel.--